

# THE CHECKITE OF 1961



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Presented By The  
Senior Class Of  
**CHECK HIGH SCHOOL**  
Check, Virginia



# THE CLASS OF 1961







If we set our goal  
 High Enough . . .  
 Realizing that  
 Education is the  
 Strongest Foundation  
 of a forceful personality . . .  
 Keeping an open mind,  
 out of class and in,  
 Whatever our aim may  
 be . . .  
 We believe that

*Anything Can Happen!*



We, the Senior Class of Check High School, present with pleasure the 1961, edition of Checkite. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of those who have given so freely of their time and efforts in making this book a reality. We give to you our staff, our classes, our organizations, and our numerous activities that have made up the body of our school.

Through the theme, "Anything Can Happen", we seek to portray our school as it has offered us an education which prepare us for unselfish service.

Our aim has been to create, develop and produce the most outstanding yearbook our school has ever had. As we reminisce in "Anything Can Happen", it is our hope that this book of memories will become valuable as the years pass.



Dedication  
Administration  
Classes  
Activities  
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# ANNUAL STAFF

MARSHALL McNEIL  
Business Manager



Seated: Mrs. Susie Vest, Sherrie Perdue, Emmagene Conner. Standing: David Smith, Douglas Reed, Kenny King, Judy Janney, Linda Perdue, Alice Conner, Joyce Aldridge, Winston McNeil, Douglas Wood, Lorene Graham, Brenda Board.





## DEDICATION

As we approach the end of these guided years of work, we face the unknown and sense the call of dedication to those things which are noble, just, and true. With the dedication of ourselves to the principles which one has worked so faithfully to instill in us, we dedicate this sixteenth edition of CHECKITE to one who has shown untiring loyalty to the members of the senior class both in and out of the classroom.

She has helped to overcome many pitfalls in high school life with her great understanding and sense of humor.

To express our appreciation we, the senior class, do hereby, dedicate the 1961 CHECKITE to you,

MRS. SUSIE A. VEST





**Mr. J. Harold Anderson, Principal**

Mr. Anderson has been in our school for the past two years. In this short time, he has served his principalship with guidance, love and dignity for the teachers and students of Cheek School. He is a man that all of the students of this school have come to know as each of us have had the privilege to work with him in his office, our classrooms, as well as on the playground.



**Teachers' Council**

Mr. Maurice Brown, Mrs. Effie Brown, Mrs. Irene Poff, Mrs. Gada Conner, Mrs. Susie Vest, Mr. Harold Anderson.

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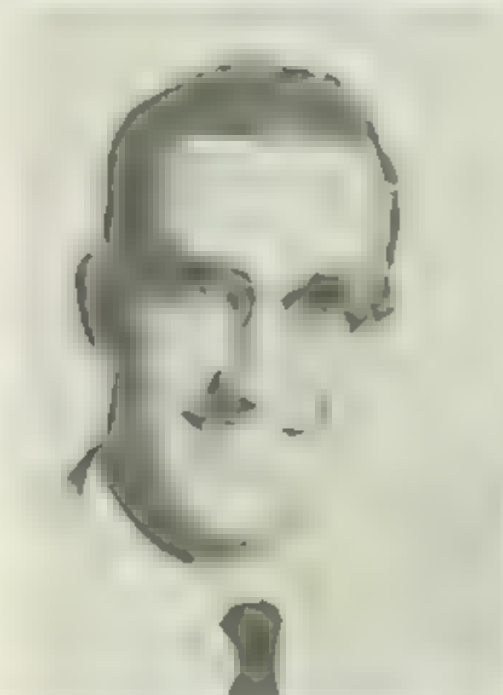
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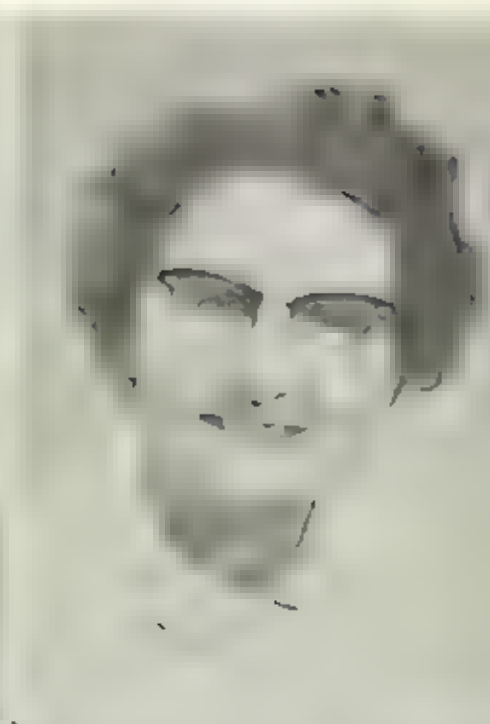
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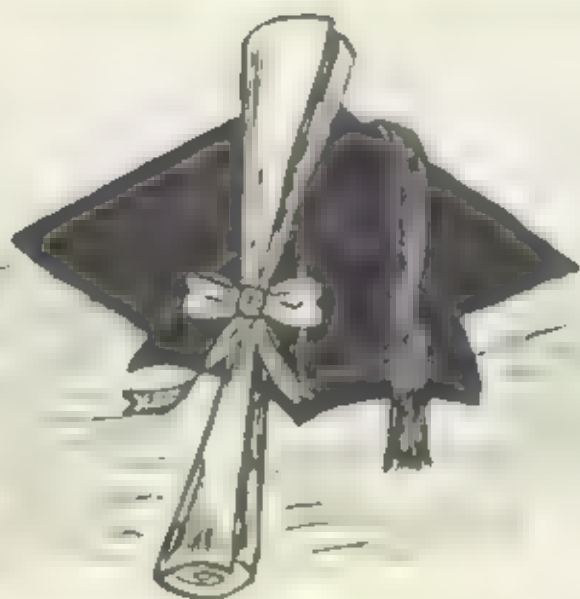
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Mrs. Garnett B. Reed

Miss Claudine Turner  
Piano







AS NEW OPPORTUNITIES APPEAR,  
WE ARE REMINDED THAT DREAMS  
*Can* MATERILIZE AND....

*Anything Can Happen!*

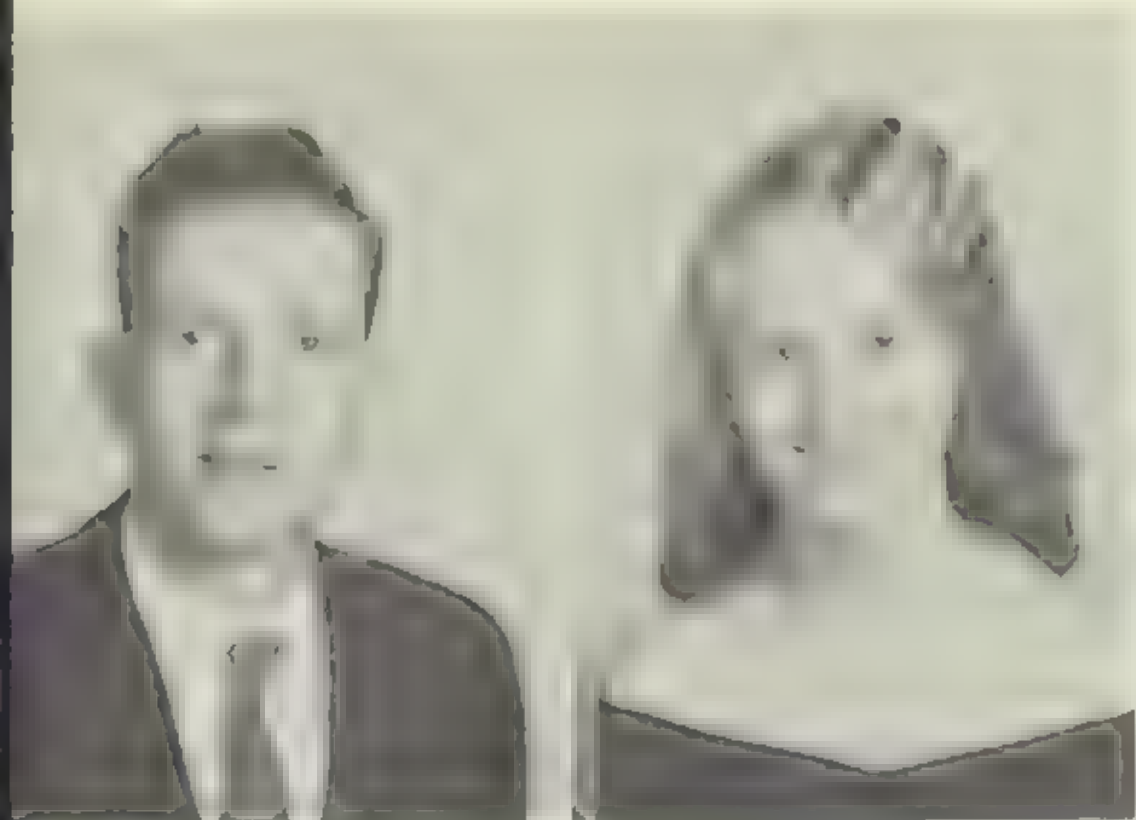


## SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

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Doddas Reed  
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RALPH MARVIN AGEE

"If fame is only to come after death,  
I'm in no hurry for it."

VELMA OLIS AGEE

"Grace is in all her steps,  
Heaven in her eyes

HAROLD EUGENE ALDRIDGE

"The next day is never as good as the  
day before."

JOYCE EILEEN ALDRIDGE

"In thy face is seen a map of honor  
truth, and loyalty



HAROLD LEROY AUSTIN

"Nice, quiet smiling, polite,  
With these things he'll do alright."

BRENDA FAYE BOARD

"She likes to sit and gab awhile But  
mischief lurks behind that smile."

RONALD LEE CARR  
 "As merry as the day is long."

SHELBA JEAN CLOWER  
 "For someone so quiet and shy,  
 She always greets you with her  
 sparkling eye."



JAMES EDWARD CONNER  
 "There's often voice and words in a  
 silent look."

ALICE ELIZABETH CONNER  
 "Quiet in appearance, with motive  
 unknown."

SHIRLEY RAY FERRIS  
 "He sits and thinks, but usually he jus  
 sits."

MARTHA EMMAGENE CONNER  
 "Giggles, pranks, full of glee, She's  
 quite a girl; don't you agree "







FRANK MORAN HANCOCK  
 "Don't do today what you can put off  
 until tomorrow."

OPALDEEN FAYE CONNER  
 "Happy, thoughtful, kind and true,  
 There is no favor she will not do."

JOE WILLIAM HARRIS  
 "A little nonsense now and then Is  
 relished by the best of men."

MARY LORENE GRAHAM  
 "This little lady, you must confess Is  
 much possessed with happiness."

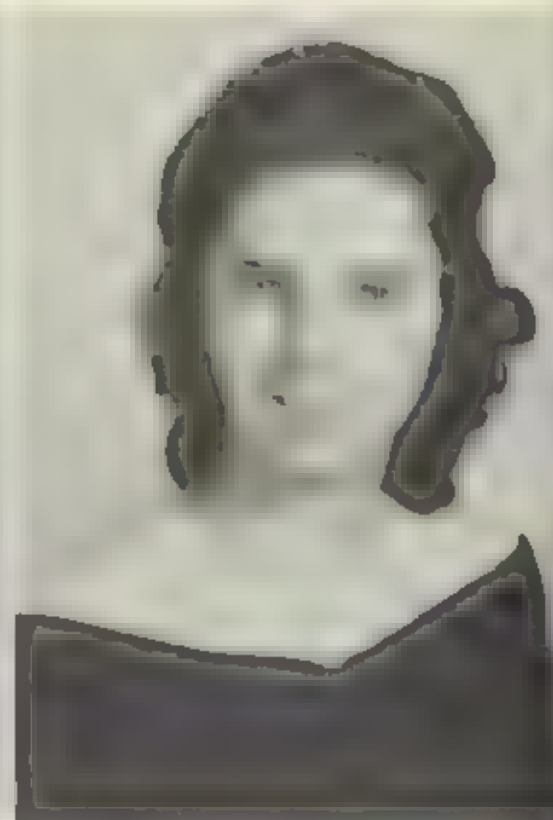


KENNETH HALE KING  
 "Loaded with zeal, full of wit,  
 Wherever he goes he'll make a hit."

BETTY GERALDINE GUILLIAMS  
 "For one who is reserved and quiet,  
 She is well liked and polite."

ROGER DEAN KING  
"Always full of fun and folly."

MARY ELLEN HILL  
"What wisdom can you find that is  
greater than kindness."

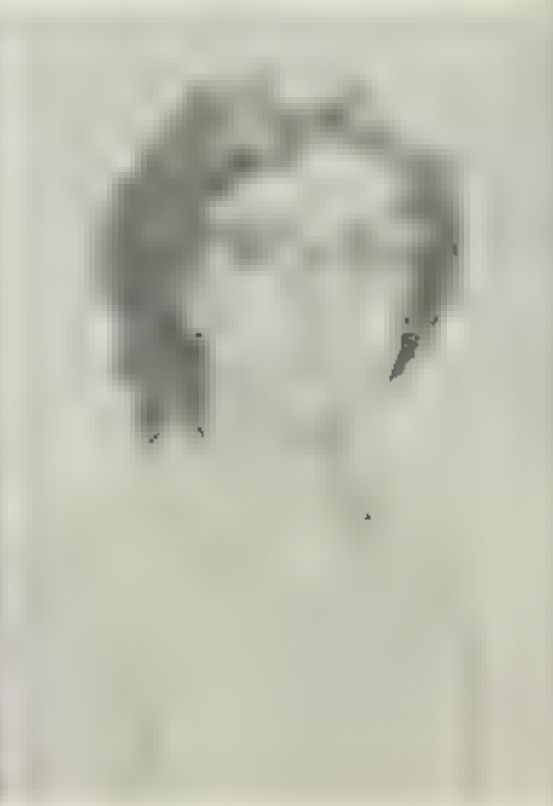


PAUL NELSON MANNING  
"In fact, and confidence shall be  
your strength."

JUDY LEE JANNEY  
"Laughter is the key to life."

JOHN MARSHALL McNEIL  
"He's full of glee, from care he's  
free."

BETTY ELOIS MITCHELL  
"Knowledge is treasure, But practice  
is the key to it."





NEVILLE WINSTON McNEIL  
"Willing, friendly and easy to like. He  
has been our constant delight."

LINDA CAROL PERDUE  
"Wit is the salt of conversation."

JAMES RICHARD PRICE  
"Our most important are our earlier  
years."

SHERRIE STUART PERDUE  
"Easy going and faithful too.  
She is very nice and friendly to you."



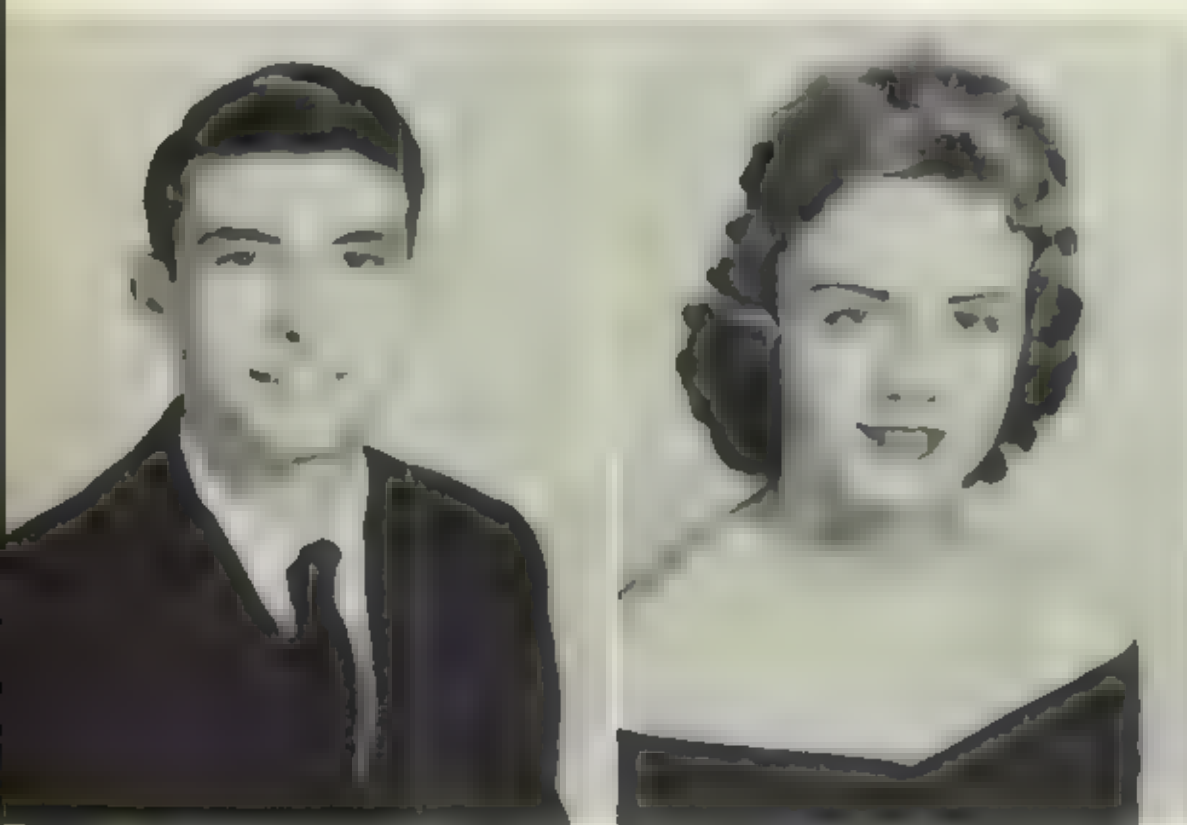
ERVIN DOUGLAS REED  
"Nice-looking, athletic and sometimes  
lazy. Nevertheless, he drives the  
girls crazy."

BONNIE MARIE STUART  
"The smile that is always there."



FRANCIS Siner SHOCKEY, JR.  
 "Nobody can give you wiser advice  
 than yourself."

GEORGIA MALINDA THOMSON  
 "A smiling girl, a sport, a friend, a  
 girl on whom you can depend."



DAVID KEITH SMITH  
 "Laughing, joking, every day,  
 Aren't we glad he came our way?"

DORIS MARIE WOOD  
 "My education was interrupted by my  
 schooling."

THOMAS LEWIS SOWDER  
 "Men of few words are the best men."

WILLIAM TYLER TURNER  
 "Youth comes but once in a lifetime."





JAMES DAVID WALKER

"Work has killed many a man, and I'm not taking any chances."

ALGERNON DEAN WILSON

"Men suffer from thinking more than anything else."

FRANKLIN DOUGLAS WOOD

"Life without love or mischief, isn't life."



MAURICE BROWN, SPONSOR

"The future is a convenient place for dreams."



SUSIE BELLE VEST, SPONSOR

"She has a heart as pure as gold. Her memories our hearts will ever hold."



**MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED**  
Marshall McNeil  
Emmagene Conner



**PRETTIEST AND HANDSOMEST**  
Sherrie Perdue  
Kenneth King



**MOST RESERVED**  
Gearline Guilliams  
Paul Manning

# *Class*



**BEST ALL AROUND**  
Douglas Wood  
Doris Wood



**MOST STUDIOUS**  
Harold Austin  
Joyce Aldridge



**BEST PERSONALITY**  
Kenneth King  
Brenda Board



**MOST ATHLETIC**  
Douglas Reed  
Linda Thomson



**MOST DEPENDABLE**  
Ronald Carr  
Velma Agee





**MOST POPULAR**  
David Smith  
Doris Wood



**MOST COOPERATIVE**  
Roger King  
Mary Ellen Hill



**CUTEST**  
Douglas Reed  
Lorene Graham

# *Favorites*



**BEST SPORTS**  
Judy Janney  
Paul Manning



**BIGGEST FLIRTS**  
Linda Thomson  
Francis Shockey



**WITTIEST**  
David Smith  
Linda Perdue



**TYPICAL TEENAGERS**  
Emmagene Conner  
Winston McNeil



**NEATEST**  
Tommy Sowder  
Alice Conner

# Last Will and Testament

We, the Senior Class of Check High School, wish to share with you our past, present, and (through our prophesy) the future.

Many things have happened since we first left our homes to enter school for the first time. We learned to love our first-grade teachers like our own mother. Many were the times that we called our teacher "mother" and vice versa.

Our class gradually formed from various places and schools. To many of us the name of Rifton School, Paynes Creek School, Terry's Fork, and others bring to our minds fond memories. Consolidating the small schools in Floyd county provided for us a better school curriculum, as well as, a better opportunity to participate in extra school activities and enlarge our circle of friends.

As we left the elementary school not only were we anxious for the day to begin our high school life, but at the same time we felt sad to leave our teachers and underclassmates. To our elementary teachers we extend our gratitude and thanks for all of the things they did for us.

As eighth graders, we faced a long up-hill grade. We had very little opportunity to participate in clubs and other outside activities, but we soon became adjusted to high school life and enjoyed the many varied experiences.

In 1956, we entered the eighth grade as a shyless and energetic class of sixty-eight students. Mrs. Garnet King and Mr. Kara Bright, our sponsors, helped to make this a most successful year. They aid us in the perplexity of selecting our subjects for our coming freshman year.

September 1957, vacation over, again we find ourselves entering the sacred halls of Check. Only fifty-five students returned to school. Now we have a distinguished title of Freshman. This year will not be forgotten. It is at this time of a student's life that he begins making decisions for himself. We chose the clubs and outside curricular activities in which we wish to participate, and the curriculum we wish to follow throughout the remainder of our high school. Some choose Academic, while others choose the General or Vocational Curriculum.

With two years behind us and two to go, we think of all of the good times we have had at Check and also look forward with great expectation to the future. This is our Sophomore year in school and only forty-nine of us still together. Mrs. Jacqueline Blackwell and Mrs. Garnet King, our sponsors, contributed much toward making our class realize a most prosperous year.

Our class seems to grow smaller and smaller as the days slip by. This fall, 1959, we enter our Junior year of school with only thirty-nine members. Upon arrival to school we realized we had lost our principal, Mr. Thomas, a person who had always shared our problems and made our work and play more pleasant with kindness and guidance. Our new principal, Mr. Harold Anderson, soon made us all realize that he was always ready and willing to help us with our problems. Not only is he interested in the progress we make in our books, but he is interested in and concerned with our personal and social adjustments.

The day we received our class rings was the biggest thrill we experienced during this year. . . . thirty-nine students walking around the school gazing down at that beautiful ring. The long wait had at last ended and now we realize our school days at Check are swiftly passing by.

We presented the Seniors with a prom, using the theme, "Winter Wonderland." This was the main social event of our Junior

year. Many hours of hard work and planning preceded this night. Our reward was exemplified by the good time everyone had. Next year we hope to be the honor guests of the class of 1962.

In the Spring, Mrs. Vera Alta Poage and Mr. John Dennis Harman, our two efficient sponsors, helped us with the successful presentation of our play, "Miss Adventure."

Each year the Faculty of our school chooses, in their estimation, the most outstanding students of Check to represent our class at Boys' and Girl's State at V.P.I. . . . Blacksburg and Radford respectively. These students are selected on their academic ability, character, personality and all roundedness. Students honored from our class were Joyce Aldridge, Brenda Board, and Francis Shockey. The Bent Mountain Women's Club, Check Ruritan Club, and the Check P.T.A. sponsored the group.

Now we are seniors, members of the Class of 1961. Thirty-nine of us ready to accept the responsibilities that encounters a senior. To start the year off, we meet together with our sponsors, Mrs. Susie Vest and Mr. Maurice Brown, to make plans for the year.

Realizing the tremendous responsibilities of the president, the class elected one of our most dependable and capable members, Francis Shockey, Jr. Serving as Vice President of the class is Douglas Reed. Winston McNeil is executing the duties of the office of the secretary and treasurer very efficiently. All activities and functions are recorded by the reporter Sherrie Perdue.

One of the most challenging tasks we will undertake this year, will be publishing the Annual - "Checkite." Here we try to record in this edition all of the activities and happenings that we, as seniors, have experienced or are experiencing this year.

In October the class went to Floyd High School to attend the Career Day Conference. The representatives from various Colleges and professions were very nice to us. We were briefed on the college or professional fields . . . what they had to offer a graduating senior who wishes to further his education.

The University of Virginia were host to all the seniors in Virginia on Oct. 15. We went to Charlottesville by bus. Before going to the games, we went over to visit the home of Thomas Jefferson, "Monticello." We joined the seniors from Willis and Floyd High Schools on the picnic grounds. Each school had prepared a picnic lunch and ate in the picnic area. Although some of the seniors were not interested in Football, everyone enjoyed the day very much. Due to the busy schedule, the fall production of the senior play was postponed until Spring. Since the State Board of Education has limited the extra curricular activities of the schools in Virginia, we have not been allowed to have any socials. Some members of the class attended the F.H.A. and F.F.A. Barn Dance.

The Annual Christmas party was held in the Cottage December 21. At this time we enjoyed dancing. Also, gifts were exchanged. The food committee is to be commended on their planning. For one time, there was more food than we could consume.

May this brief encounter of our high school life be an everlasting link between the past and future, as we individually enter into this intricate in which ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN.



# CLASS HISTORY

We, the Senior Class of Check High School, of the City of Check, County of Floyd, Commonwealth of Virginia, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament, hereby revoking any will heretofore made by us.

First. We direct that all of our high grades be accurately recorded on the permanent records of this school as soon as possible by our efficient secretary, Mrs. Iris Poff. (She will receive a few greens for raising some of our grades to make her records look nicer.

Second. We leave our deepest regards and appreciation to Mr. Harold Anderson, our principal, for the help and guidance which he has given us during his administration.

Third. We leave to our teachers our admiration and thanks for the kind assistance they have given to us all through our high school life.

Fourth. To our cafeteria workers we owe many many thanks. We leave to them our habitual desire for hamburgers.

Fifth. We leave to the Junior Class the following bequests.

I, Ralph Agee, will my attentive classroom mannerism to Rufus Howard

I, Velma Agee, will my long hair to Vera Mae Moran and hope it will be always curly.

I, Eugene Aldridge, will my seat in Mrs. Blackwell's study hall to Wayne Austin.

I, Joyce Aldridge, will my seat in the library by the magazine rack to Bunny Poage

I, Harold Austin, will my English book to Keith Martin, may you have more success with it than I did.

I, Brenda Board, will to Mary Lucas the ability to get along with my brother as well as I do . . . sometimes.

I, Ronald Carr, will my ability to make good grades with a minimum amount of work to Tommy Shank.

I, Shelba Clower, will my good times at Check to Glenna Whitlock.

I, James Conner, will my school books to Dennis Aldridge.

I, Alice Conner, will my happy experiences on the bus to Wilma Radford.

I, Shirley Ferris, will my chemistry book to Bobby Walters.

I, Emmagene Conner, will to Sheila Whitlock my ability to understand Macbeth, if it possible that she understands it less than I do.

I, Frank Hancock, will my Nixon badge to Norman Hylton and I hope that he can have better luck with it than I did.

I, Opaldeen Conner, will to Joan Conner anything that she can find worth having.

I, Joe Harris, will to Sheldon Golf my part of Check High School if he can find it.

I, Lorene Graham, will to Joyce Vest the ability to always be called down in study hall.

I, Kenneth King, will my position as co-captain of the Check Rockets to Vernon Nolley.

I, Gearline Williams, will to Carolyn Peters my favorite pastime, washing dishes in the Cafeteria.

I, Roger King, leave my ability to get A's in everything except English, Government, Chemistry, and World History to Jimmy Kefauver.

I, Mary Ellen Hill, will to Janice Moran my ability to eat, drink, and be merry

I, Paul Manning, will my ability for the love of many sports to Winston DeWeese.

I, Betty Mitchell, will to Opal Clower four years of Math in hopes that she can put them to good use.

I, Marshall McNeil, will my position as TOP chess player of Check High School to C. O. Eanes.

We, Linda and Sherrie Perdue, "Country Cousins", will nothing to Suzanne Smith, because we are taking it all with us.

I, James Price will to Harold Moran plenty of happiness and success throughout life.

I, Judy Janney, will to Opal Clower my position as president of the FBLA Chapter.

I, Douglas Reed, do not leave anything to anybody. You can't inherit good looks, talent, perfect personality, honesty, etcetera - so I am keeping them.

I, Bonnie Stuart, will my ability to be seen and not heard to Edith West.

I, Francis Shockey, leave my English book, in which someone has written all the wrong answers, to Donald Gearhart.

I, Linda Thomson, will to Merdieth Wimmer my superlative as "Biggest Flirt."

I, David Smith, will my ability to have a joyful Senior year to Linda King.

I, Doris Wood, leave to Cheryle Poff my ability to do the wrong thing at the right time.

I, Tommy Sowder, leave anything I don't need to graduate to Nelson Vest.

I, Tyler Turner, will my ability to get along with the teachers to Dewey Hale.

I, James Walker, will my ability to get along with the girls to Richard Claytor.

I, A. D. Wilson, leave my ability to take so long to do nothing to Bobby Hedrick.

I, Douglas Wood, will my books to Donnie Conner and hope that she finds better use for them than I did.

In Witness Whereof, We, the Senior Class, the testator, have set our hand and seal hereto this thirtieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one (1961).

*The Senior Class*

Signed, sealed, published, and declared as and for our last will and testament by the Senior Class, the above-named testator, in the presence of us, who, at their request and in the presence of their and each other, have subscribed our names hereto as witnesses on the day and year last aforesaid.

*Mrs. Susan A. Paul*  
*Maurice E. Brown*

Title: Class Sponsors



# SENIOR HOROSCOPE

Today as we look up into the sky, we realize Science has progressed a great deal since we entered school. We hear of the rockets being launched time after time, satellites circling around the celestial sphere and man's greatest dream of going to the moon. Today the stars tell us that a member of this class will be the first human being to reach the moon successfully. But in order to keep down a lot of excitement and anxiety, we will not at this time disclose who this person is.

As we study the positions of the planets and signs of the zodiac, we profess to foretell the future of this class and don't be too surprised because with us **ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN.**

Ten years has elapsed since graduation and we find ourselves in various circumstances and predicaments.

**Velma Agee is a registered nurse at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.**

**Joyce Aldridge gave up her college education when she won her MRS. Degree.**

**Brenda Board and her husband own and operate a dancing school which they call, Tyke & Fifi's. They specialize in teaching the CHA-CHA.**

**Sheba Cower is living in Chicago. She has just published a best-selling book entitled "How to Overcome Shyness."**

**Alice Conner is a receptionist at the Animal Hospital in Oakhill, Tenn.**

**Emmagene Conner has joined the waves to keep an eye on her favorite sailor.**

**Opaldeen Conner is a bridal consultant at Saks of 5th Avenue in N. Y.**

**Lorene Graham is happily married and living on a ranch in Nevada.**

**Gearline Guilliams is teaching in a nursery school in Richmond, Va.**

**Mary Ellen Hill has just finished her missionary training and will soon be traveling to many parts of the world to put her training to work.**

**Betty Mitchell is attending Duke University and is the youngest girl to ever win the Nobel prize in the field of Chemistry.**

**Linda Carol Perdue is married and living in New Jersey.**

**Bonnie Stuart is married and has two children.**

**Linda Thomson is working. She has a full time job of feeding chickens on a farm near Floyd. She has other interests at the farm too. She's married to the owner.**

**Doris Wood owns and operates a beauty Salon in Hollywood known as the Wild Style Salon.**

**Judy Janney is a private secretary and wife to an auctioneer.**

**Sherrie Perdue is married and divorced four times, writes, produces, directs, and stars in a T.V. program, "How to Keep a Husband."**

**Harold Austin is attending V.P.I. He is studying to be a lawyer.**

**Ralph Agee is an English professor at Harvard University.**

**Eugene Aldridge is working for the government. He washes windows at the White House.**

**James Conner has joined the Navy and is seeing the world. He isn't married but he has a girl in every port.**

**Ronald Carr is a professional wrestler. He is known to his many fans as "Growling Ronnie."**

**Frank Hancock is Virginia's new representative in the House. He has recently persuaded the governor to do away with the electoral college. Thanks to Frank, the President of the U. S. is now elected by popular vote.**

**Shirley Ferris is public accountant. He is also married and is caring for three small children. Roger King who was always so small in high school, has won the nationwide Charles Atlas Contest.**

**Kenny King known for his good looks is an actor. His latest movie is "The Love Life of Tom Dooley."**

**Joe Harris owns and operates a bar in Las Vegas. It is called Joe's Bar.**

**Winston McNeil has recently been elected mayor of Christiansburg.**

**Marshall McNeil is living in California and is the stand-in for Maynard G. Krebs on the Dobie Gillis Show.**

**Mickey Smith is employed by the National Broadcasting Company. He blows the bubbles on the Lawrence Welk Show.**

**Doug Wood is leading a bachelors life. He has formed a lonely hearts club with the motto, "If I can't get the girl I want, I won't take any."**

**Doug Reed is an agent for the new French starlite, "Babbette."**

**Tyler Turner has just been hauled to jail again for making moonshine.**

**Paul Manning is the favorite pitcher for the New York Yankees.**

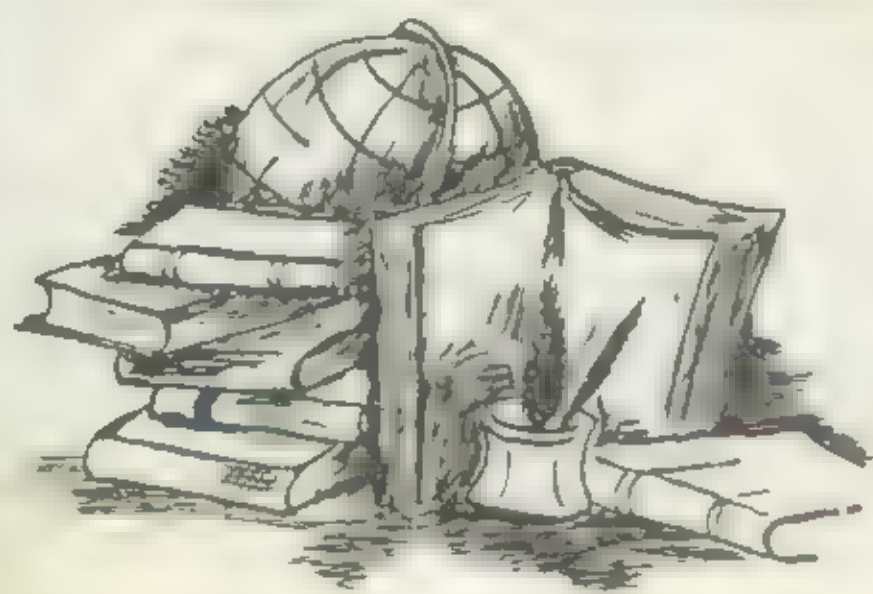
**Francis Shockey is serving as president of the U. S. He is grateful to his friends at Check who persuaded him to be a candidate on the Republican ticket.**

**A. D. Wilson, due to circumstances beyond his control, has joined the foreign legion.**

**Tommy Bowder is working for the Clover Creamery Co. He has just presented Howard Johnson's Restaurant with the 29th flavor of ice cream.**

**James Price attending college and is studying to be an engineer.**

**J. D. Walker is living a happy lucky life on an oil ranch in Texas.**



WE STUDY

AND PREPARE FOR OUR  
FUTURE REALIZING THAT

*Anything Can Happen!*



## JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

President	Bobby Walters
Vice President	Sheila Whitlock
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Opal Dean Clower  
Wayne Austin



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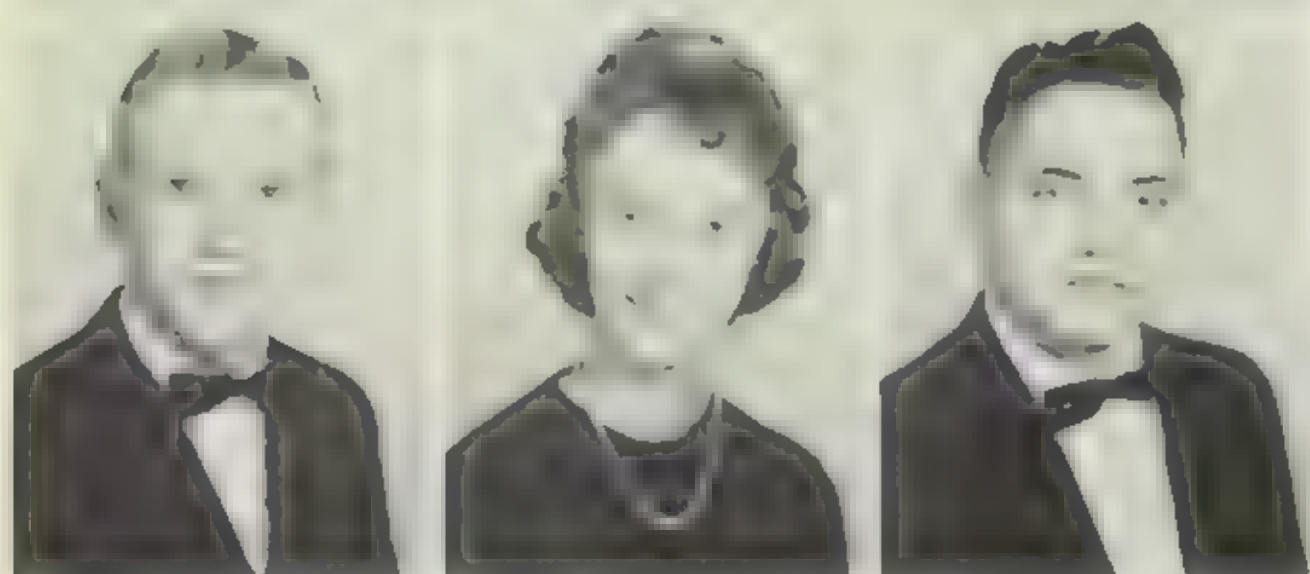




Sheldon Goff  
Vera Mae Moran  
Dewey Hale



Carolyn Peters  
Bobby Hedrick  
Ernestine Poage

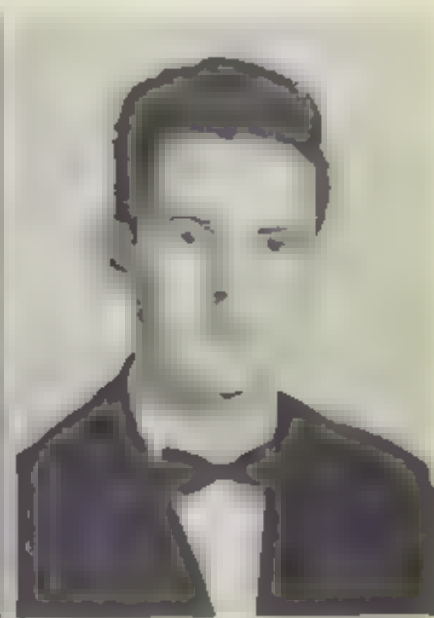


Rufus Howard  
Chervle Poff  
Norman Hylton

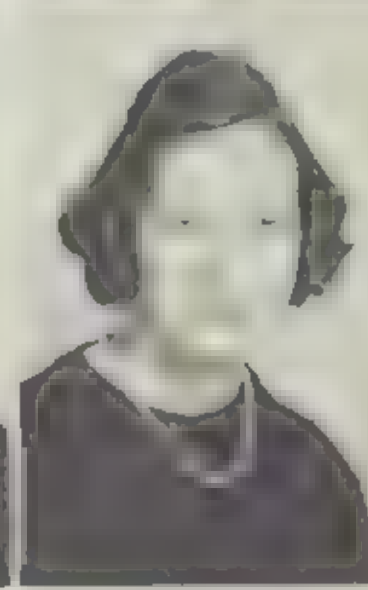


Wilma Radford  
Jimmie Kefauver  
Suzanne Smith

Keith Martin  
Shelby Sutphin  
Wayne Moran



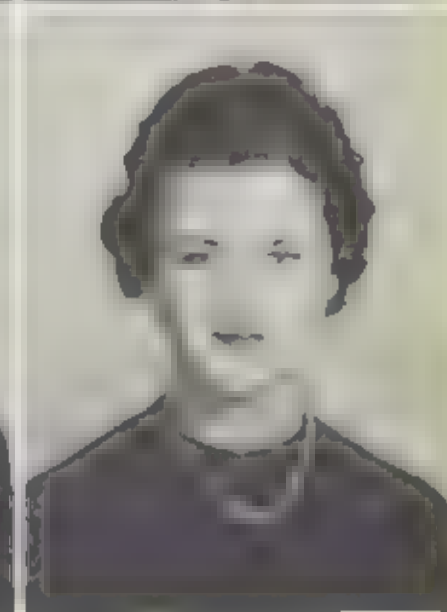
Joyce Vest  
Vernon Nolley  
Edith West



Thomas Shank  
Glenna Whitlock  
Nelson Vest



Sheila Whitlock  
Bobby Walters  
Merdieth Wimmer







## Planned High School Subjects NINTH YEAR

Algebra I  
 Physical Education  
 Home Economics I  
 World History  
 English II  
 TENTH YEAR



Home Sc. II  
 Biology  
 Home Geography  
 Physical Education II  
 ELEVENTH YEAR



Algebra II  
 Home Ec. III  
 Algebra II  
 English III  
 History II  
 TWELFTH YEAR

Government II  
 Home Ec. IV  
 Chemistry  
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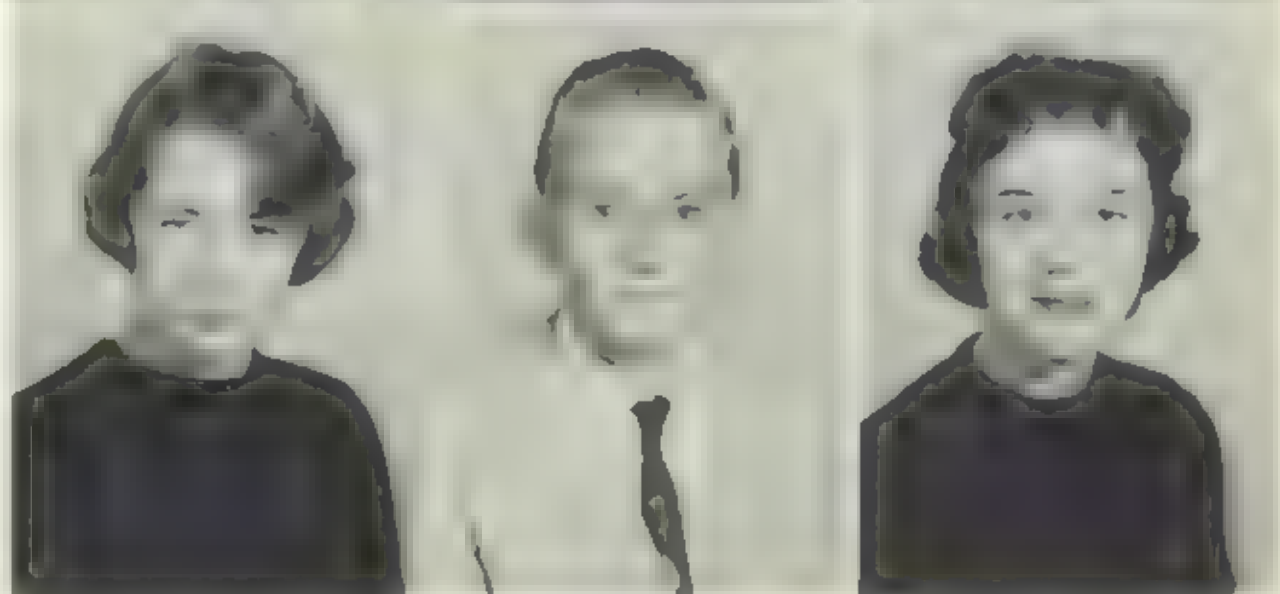
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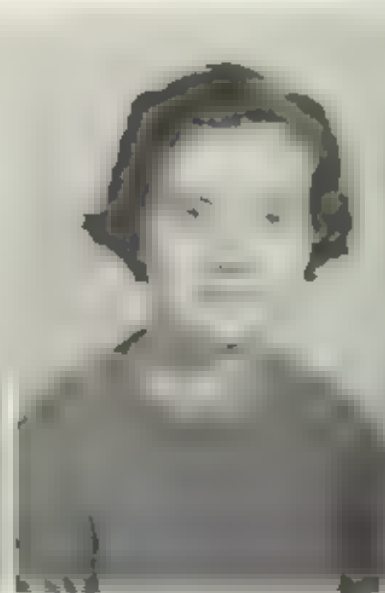


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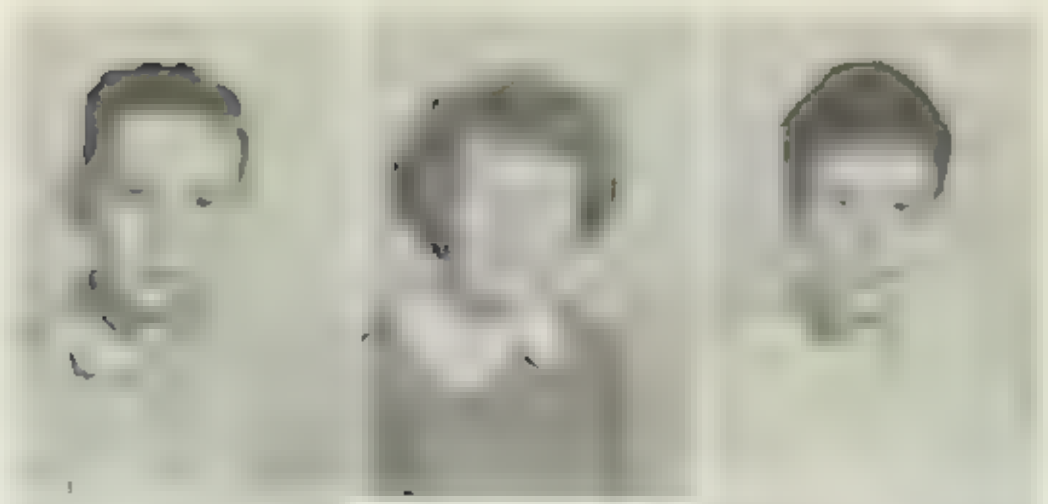


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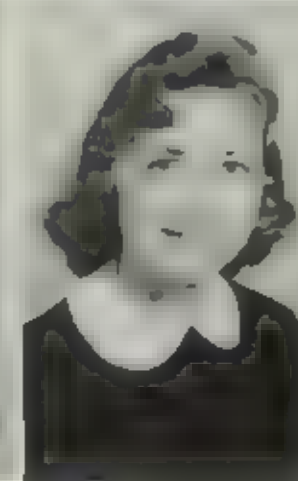
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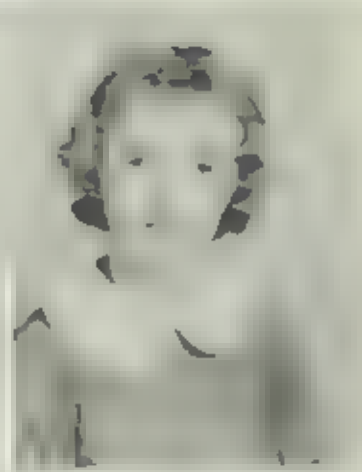


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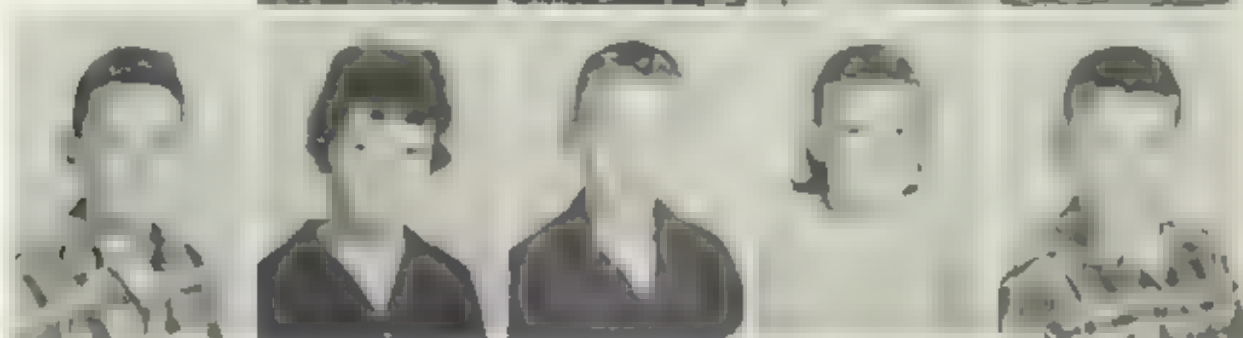
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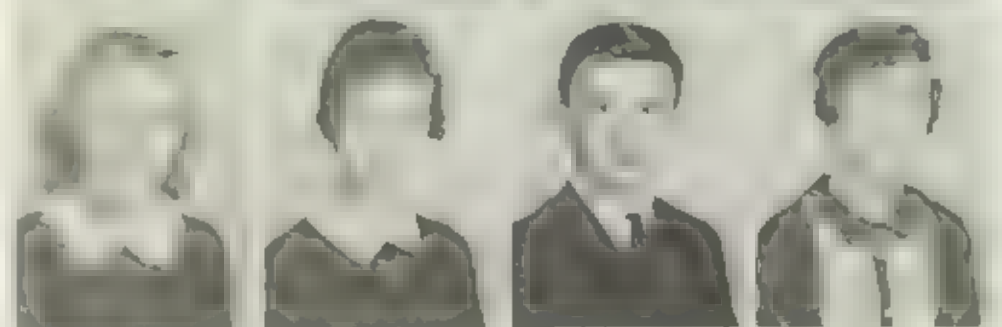


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The Check Future Homemakers of America, a National organization of girls who are enrolled in home economics classes. The Chapter is very active in Federation and State work. One of the highlights of the year is the annual Fashion Show. The club is called upon to help prepare and serve many of the social functions of the school.



## FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

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The Future Teachers Chapter of Check was organized in 1955 with Mrs. C. Glynwood Gibbs as sponsor. It is called the D. S. Lucas Chapter.

The Chapter is now affiliated with state and national education associations and receives its charter from them each year the requirements are met.

The chief purpose of the F.T.A. is to help future teachers learn facts about the profession and opportunities in their locality, state, and in the nation; cultivate character qualities essential to a good teacher; study work of great teachers; and especially to develop student leadership.

#### MEMBERS

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## FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA

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The Check High School Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America is chartered by the national organization of FBLA. This organization is designed particularly for those students who are looking forward to careers in business. One of its chief objectives is to develop strong aggressive leadership so that these future businessmen and women may participate more effectively in the business and community life which they are a part.



#### OFFICERS

Seated: Emmagene Conner - secretary. Seated: Judy Janney - president. Standing: Cheryle Poff - song leader, Merdieth Wimmer - song leader, Alice Conner - vice president, Mrs. Susie Vest, sponsor, Sherrie Perdue - parliamentarian, Linda Perdue - reporter, Doris Wood - historian

## FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

#### MEMBERS

First Row - Doris Turner, Becky Poff, Orlan Conner, Linda Kline, Doris Conner. Second Row - Janice Perdue, Glennia Willock, Sherida Conner, Norma Hylton, Orlan Conner, Wendy Ann







### STUDENT COUNCIL

The student Council is the representative group of the Student Cooperative Association which includes in its membership all students enrolled at CHS. The Council has been represented at district and state SCA meetings for many years. There has been a great deal of mutual benefit for us and other schools derived from the getting together and exchanging of ideas.

Pictured at the left are the officers for 1960-1961. They are left to right:

Brenda Board . . . . . Vice President  
 Emmagene Conner . . . . . President  
 Carolyn Conner . . . . . Secretary  
 Linda King . . . . . Reporter (standing)

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## KEEP VIRGINIA GREEN

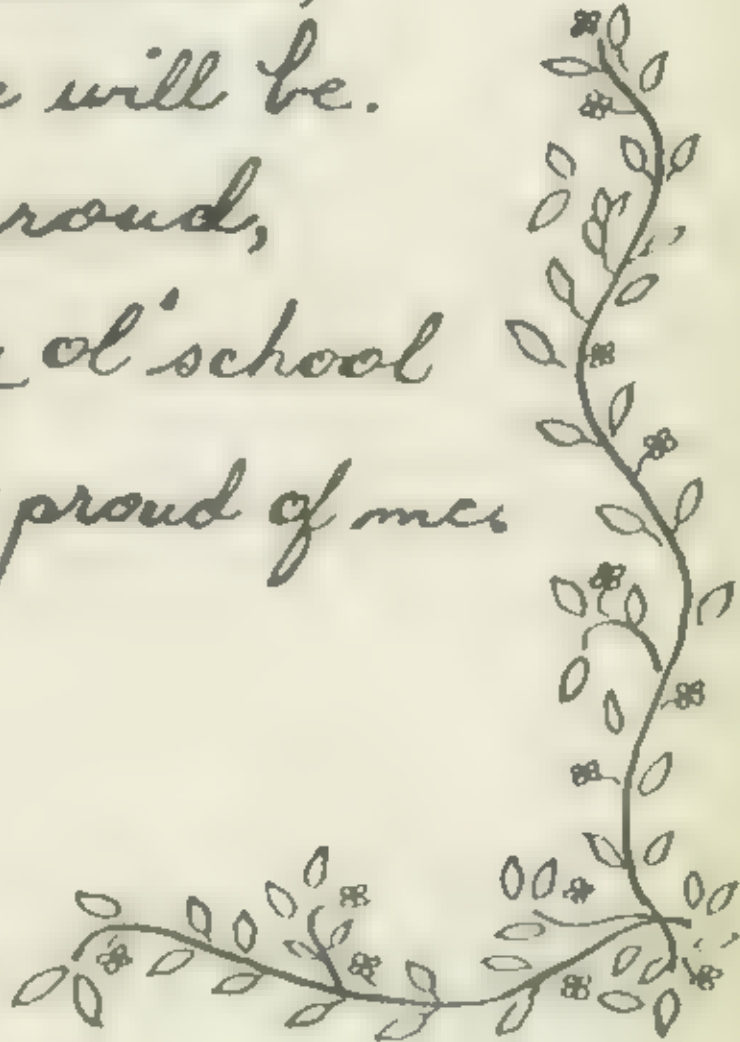
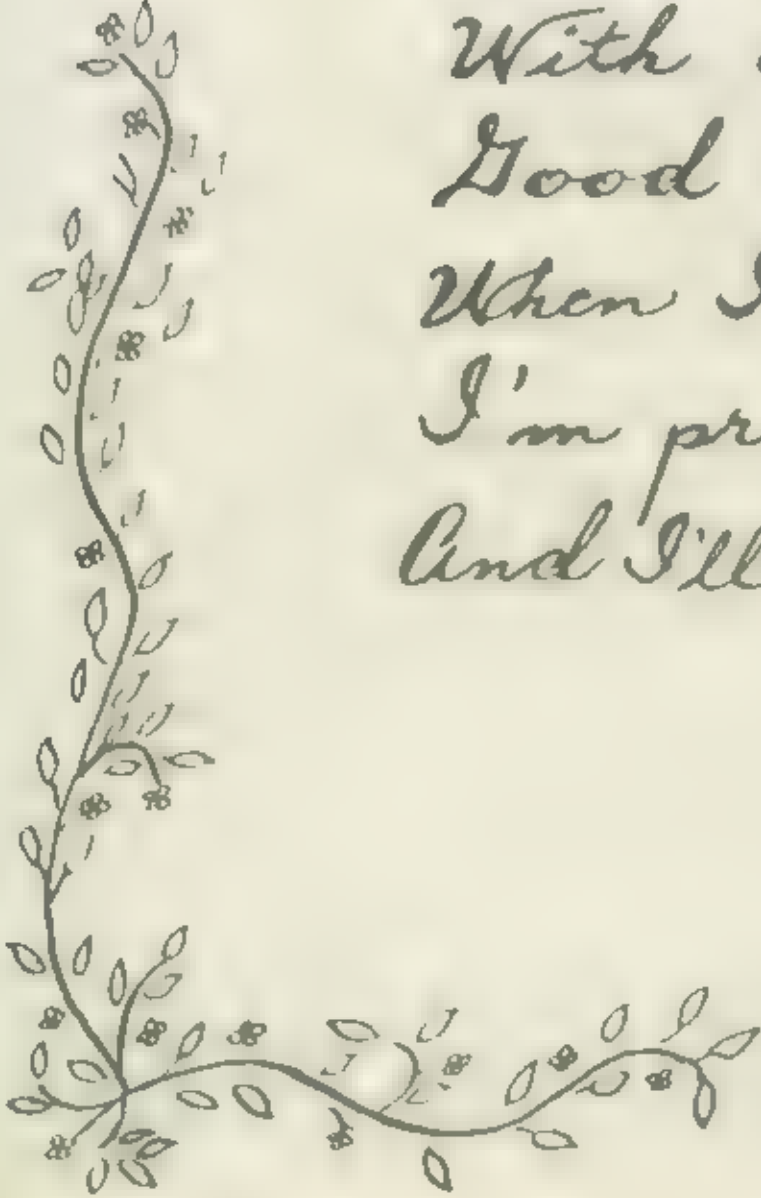
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## School Song

I am proud of Check.  
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What she needs is citizens  
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When we work,  
When we play,  
With our fellowmen,  
Good citizens we will be.  
When I am proud,  
I'm proud of my ol'school  
And I'll make her proud of me.



# SAFETY PATROL



First Row - Lora Smith, Douglas Mitchell, Gerry Schalknight, Willie Radford, J. E. Wimmer  
 Second Row - Howard Kead, Jessie Howard, John Hale, Raymond Nichols, Third Row - Mr. John  
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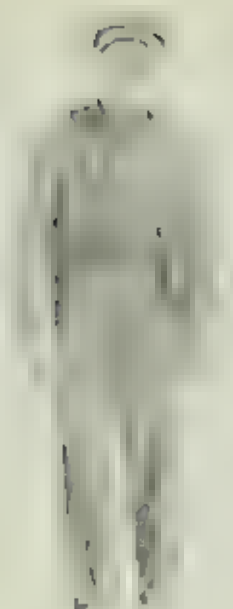
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 Gray, Fifth Row - Judy Pitt, Susan Wimmer, Winston DeWeese, Bobby Hedrick



Sheldon Golf



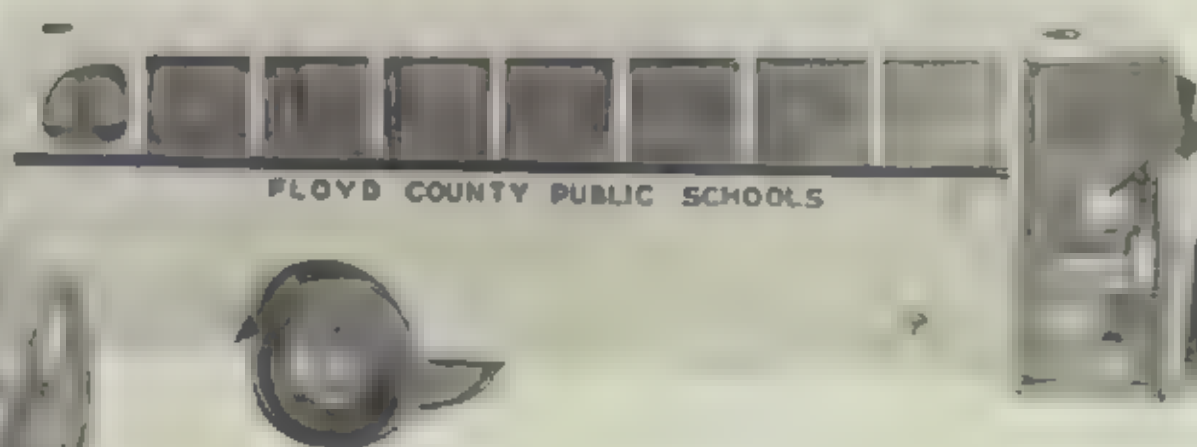
Mr. Oscar Eanes  
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# THEY SERVE US



## CAFETERIA STAFF

Mrs. Kate King, Mrs. Zelphia Martin, Mrs. Ora King and Mrs. Iris Aldridge. Through well-planned menus, these ladies see that the students receive all of the vitamins, proteins, carbohydrates, etc. that are so essential in order to satisfy the appetite of this present generation.



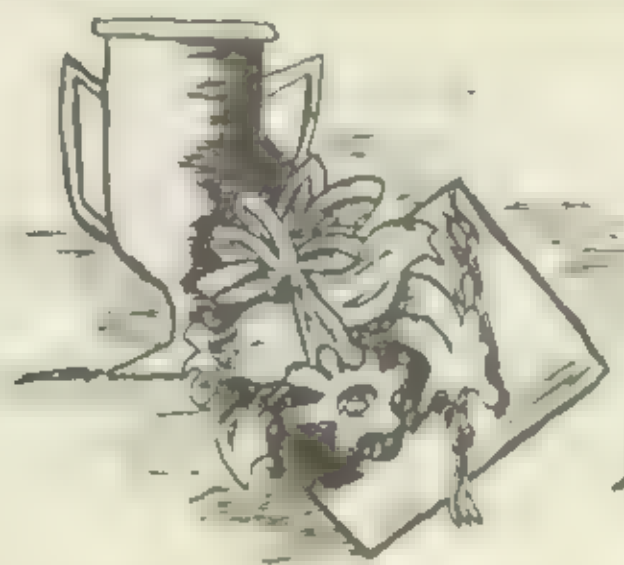
**Mrs. Iris Poff, School Secretary**

A new member to our school staff is Mrs. Mildred Thompson, who has accepted the position of Clerk of the Floyd County School Board.



**Mr. Harvey Ferris**

Mr. Ferris is always ready to help. He dates his career for the school board as a clerk for his many years and is most willingly renders at all times.



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## CORONATION

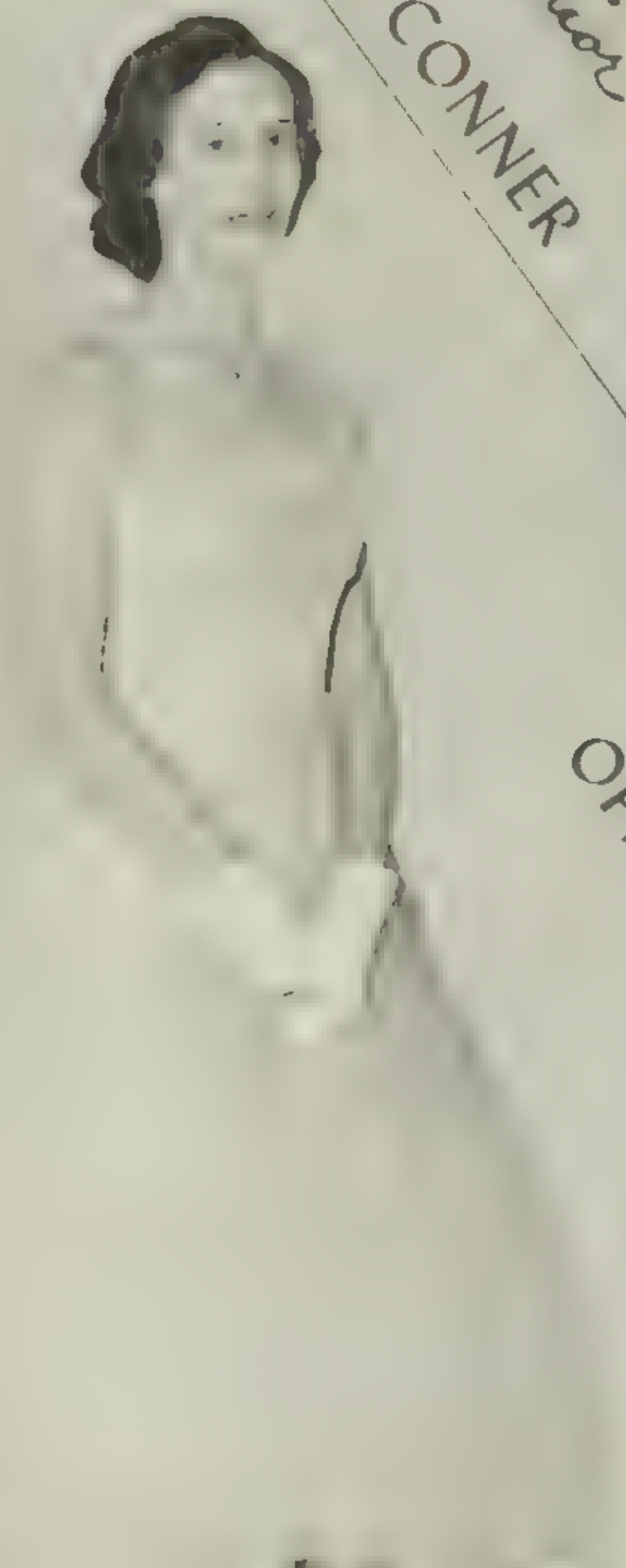
Miss Doris Wood (standing) is shown placing the crown on the head of Miss Linda Thompson while David Smith witnesses the crowning. Doris was Queen for Cheek during the 1954-55 school session. In the fall of 1956 the new queen, Linda Thompson and the new king, David Smith were elected by the popular vote by the Student Cooperative Association of Cheek High School.

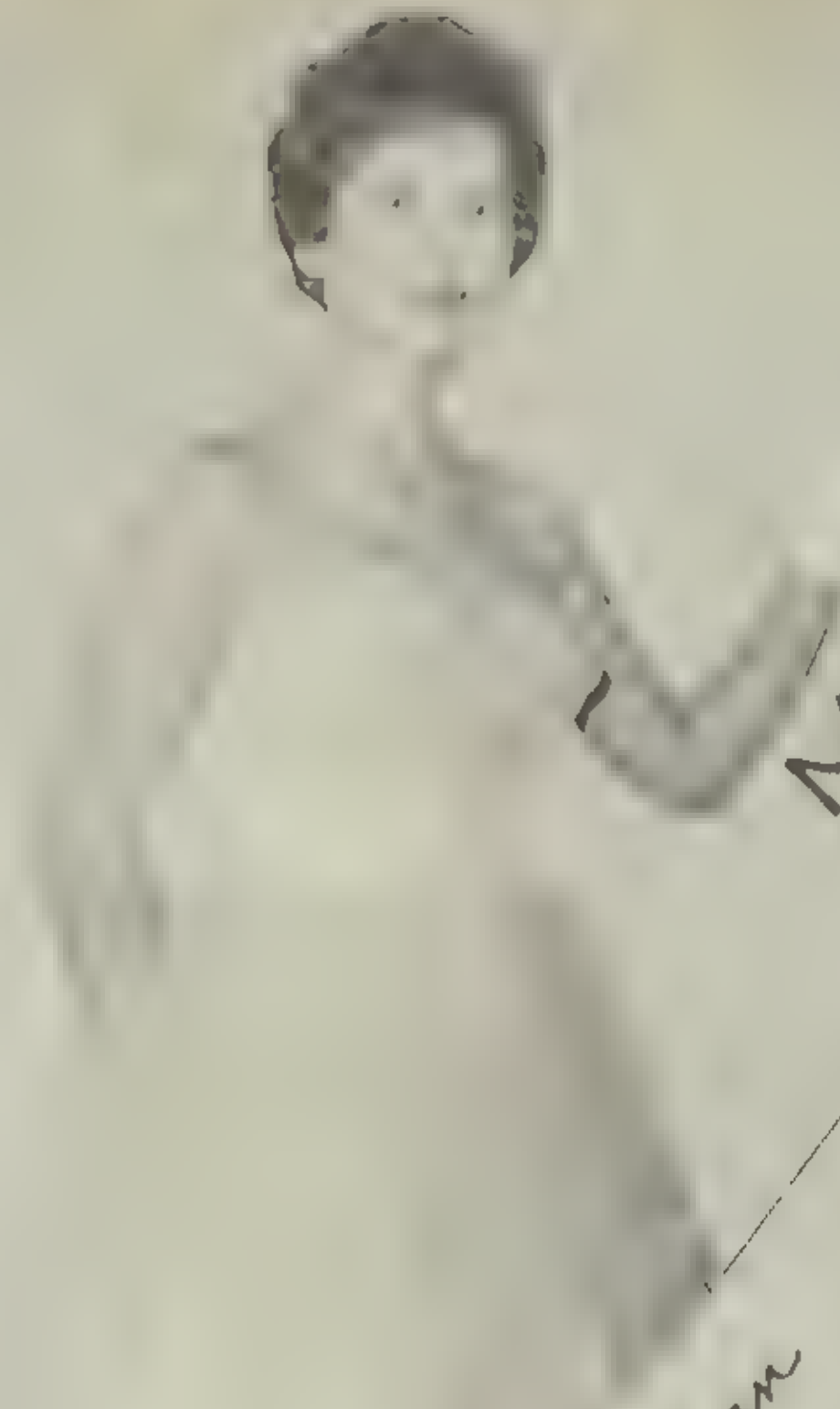


*Miss Senior*  
EMMAGENE CONNER

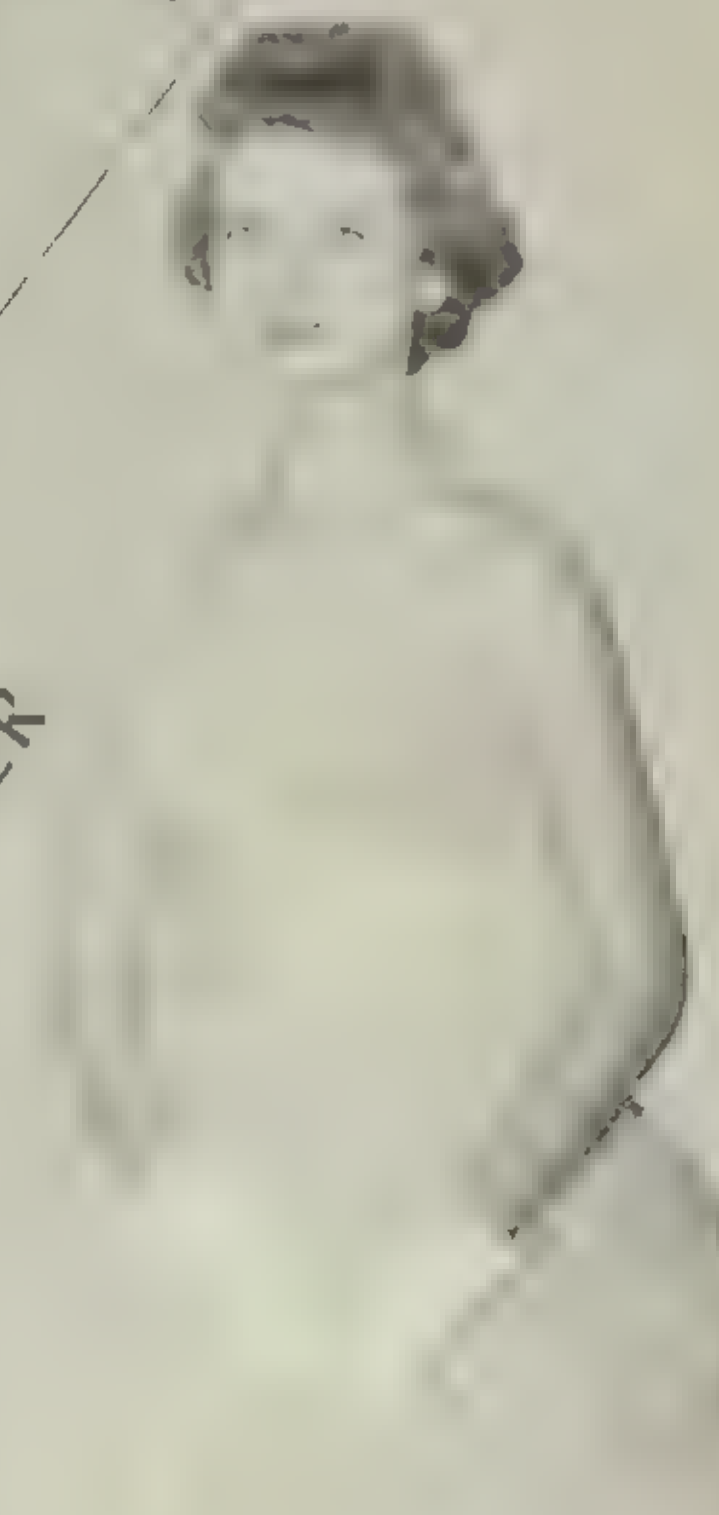


*Miss Junior*  
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Miss Freshman  
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Each year the Faculty of our school choose, in their estimation, the most outstanding students of Check to represent our class at Boys' and Girls' State at V.P.I. and Radford. These students are selected on the basis of ability, character, personality and all roundedness. The Bent Mountain Women's Club, Check Religion Club and the Check P.T.A. sponsored the group.

Left to right: Brenda Board, Francis Shockey, Joyce Aldridge



# MARSHALS AND USHERS 1960



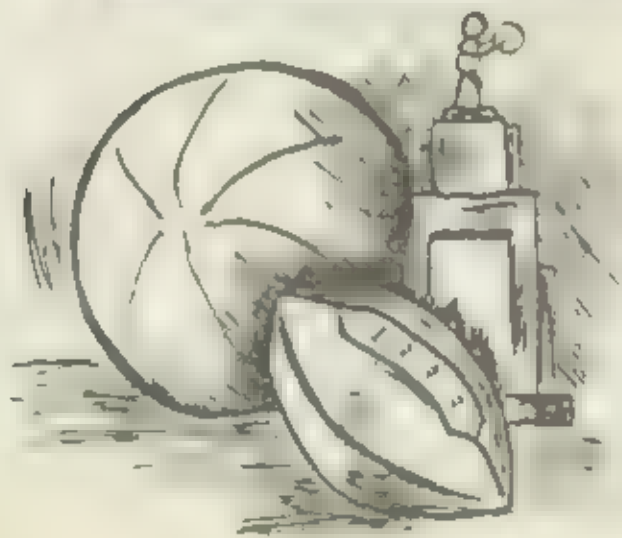
Front row reading from left to right: Sherry Perdue and Elizabeth Carter. Back row reading from left to right: Douglas Reed, Kenneth Kline, and Douglas Wood. These students were elected to their final year to serve as Marshals and Ushers for the graduating class of 1960. This is an office honor the students look forward to when becoming a junior.

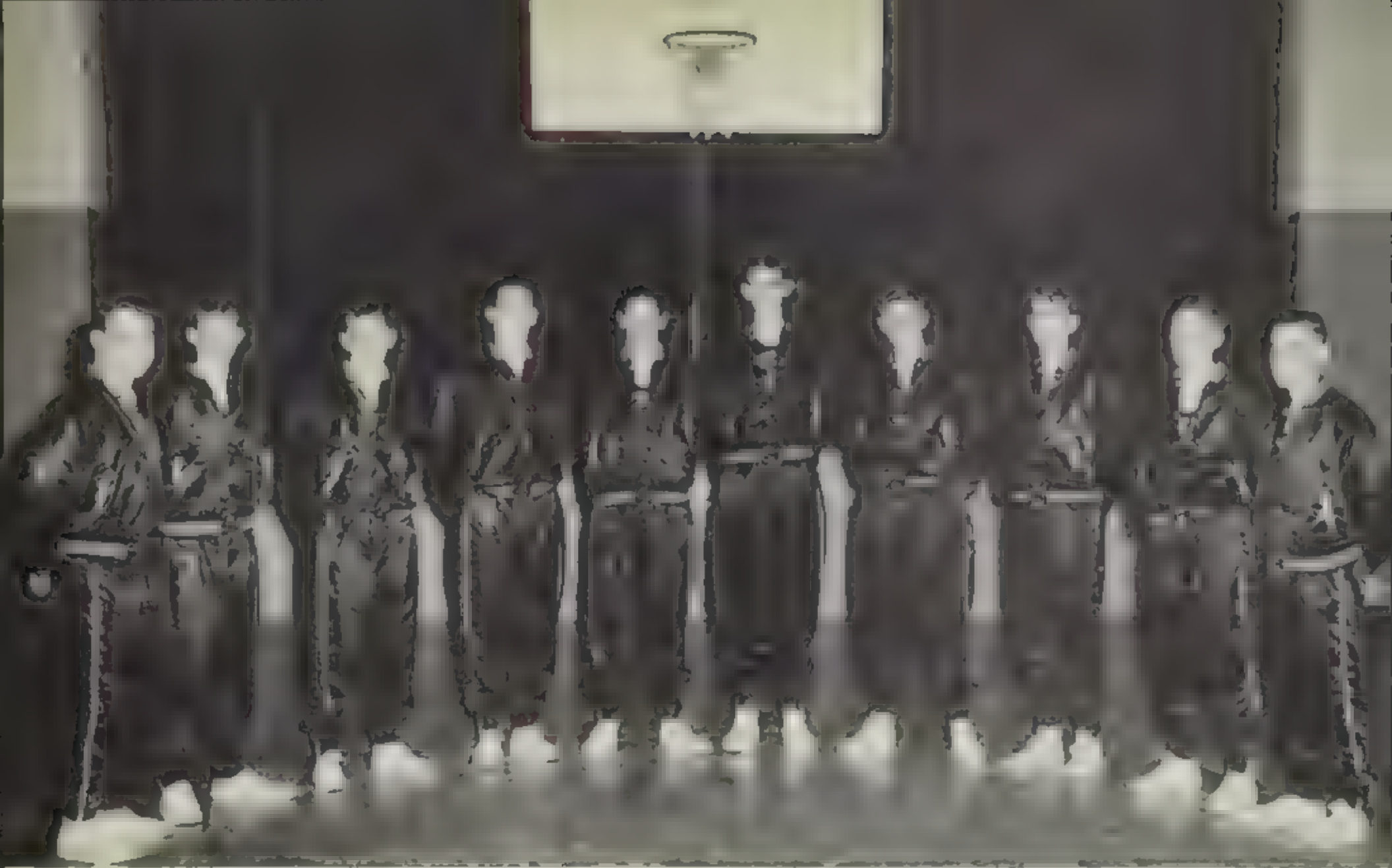


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Left to Right: Donald Gearhart, David Smith, Co-Captain, Douglas Reed, Francis Shackey, Jr., Kenneth King, Co-Captain, Vernon Nodley, Joe Harris, Robert Poff, John King, Wayne Austin

## ROCKETS



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# ROCKETS

# IN ACTION



John King



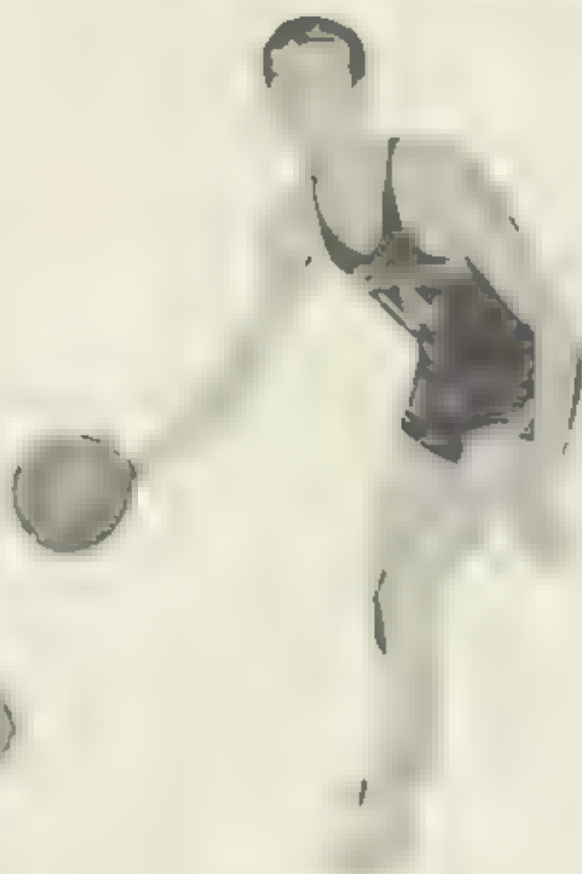
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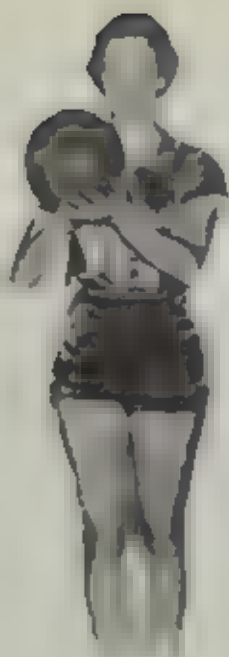
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# ROCKETTES IN ACTION



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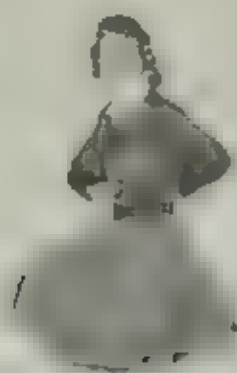


Shirley Vest

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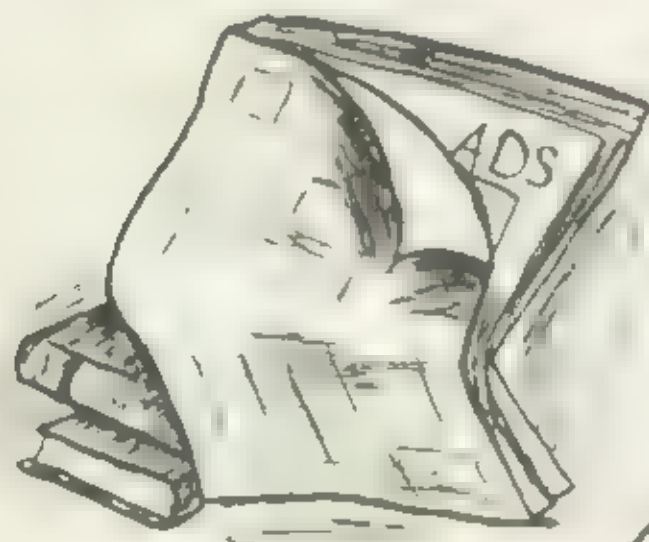
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